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**STATE USE INDUSTRIES INMATES HELP PREPARE
BEA GADDY'S THANKSGIVING DINNER TURKEYS
*800+ birds will be prepped at Hagerstown Meat Plant***

Truck arrives Wednesday, November 10th at 10 a.m.

TOWSON, MD (November 8, 2003)---Once again this year, State Use Industries, the prison industry arm of Maryland Public Safety and Correctional Services, will help Bea Gaddy's nationally famous annual Thanksgiving dinner effort by handling preparation of more than 800 turkeys. ***The Shady Brook Farms turkeys will arrive at the State Use plant near the Maryland Correctional Institution-Hagerstown on Wednesday, November 10th at approximately 10 a.m.***

Seventy inmates will spend more than a week thawing, de-boning, and cooking the turkeys, and preparing them for their final destination: the largest goodwill effort on Thanksgiving in Maryland, and one of the largest on the East Coast, if not in all of the nation.

The late Bea Gaddy, a Baltimore Councilwoman and tireless champion of the poor and homeless, relied for years on State Use Industries and the Division of Correction to help with her massive holiday effort, which feeds tens of thousands of people. This year, Bea's family and supporters again turned to State Use for help.

Annually, State Use Industries provides millions in savings for Maryland taxpayers by producing everything from envelopes to furniture to uniforms and meat products for state agencies and non-profits. Please visit our website at www.dpscs.state.md.us and click on "agencies and offices" for more information on State Use Industries.

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NOTE: Media wishing to cover this event should arrive at the MCI-H Visitors Center by 9:45 a.m.

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